

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment cancels without prejudice original claims 1 to 10 in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE2003/004191. This Preliminary Amendment adds new claims 11 to 23. The new claims are believed to conform to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and do not add new matter to the application.

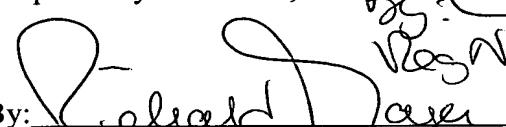
The underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE2003/004191 includes an International Search Report, dated June 2, 2004. The Search Report includes a list of documents that were found in the underlying PCT Application. An English translation of the Search Report accompanies this Preliminary Amendment. The underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE2003/004191 also includes an International Preliminary Report. An English translation of that Report accompanies this Preliminary Amendment.

Applicants assert that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are requested.

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